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SUBJECT: EC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR INDIA

1. NOVEMBER 28 MISSION OFFICER CONTACTED EC COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS REGARDING PRESS REPORTS THAT COMMISSION HAD DECIDED TO ALLOCATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO HELP RELIEVE EFFECTS OF RECENT CYCLONES IN ANDRA PRADESH. THESE OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COMMISSION HAS EARMARKED FOR INDIA 100,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT (1 UNIT OF ACCOUNT APPROX. \$1.17) STILL REMAINING IN COMMUNITY'S 1977 EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND. TO DATE, HOWEVER, EC HAS NOT RECEIVED REQUEST FOR AID FROM EITHER GOI OR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS (I.E., INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND UNICEF). COMMISSION OFFICIALS INDICATED TO MISSION OFFICER THEY WERE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY THIS SITUATION, BUT THAT THEY EXPECTED EVENTUALLY TO HEAR FROM CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS.

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2. WITH REGARD TO FOOD AID, MISSION IS TOLD THAT NO SPECIAL EMERGENCY ALLOCATION BY EC IS EXPECTED BECAUSE: (1) SUBSTANTIAL FOOD ASSISTANCE TO INDIA UNDER REGULAR PROGRAM IS ALREADY IN PIPELINE, AND (2) LOCAL FOOD STOCKS ON SUB-CONTINENT ARE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT AT PRESENT. MOREOVER, IF GOI SHOULD FORMALLY REQUEST EMERGENCY FOOD AID FROM EC, SHIPMENTS UNDER REGULAR

PROGRAM FOR I	NDIA CAN BE DIVER	FED FOR THIS PURP	OSE AT
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